

Senate Resolution 594

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the
2 Museum of the Terracotta Army, the Cultural Relics Bureau of Shaanxi Province, and
3 Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, since November 16, 2008, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta has featured an
5 exhibition inspired by one of the greatest archeological discoveries of the 20th century, *The*
6 *First Emperor: China's Teracotta Army*; and

7 WHEREAS, featuring 100 works, including 15 terracotta figures, the exhibition represents
8 one of the largest groups of important works relating to the First Emperor ever to be loaned
9 to the United States by the Museum of the Terracotta Army and the Cultural Relics Bureau
10 of Shaanxi Province; and

11 WHEREAS, initially discovered in 1974, the famed terracotta army stood guard over the vast
12 underground palace tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuangdi, serving as integral
13 players in the king's afterlife; and

14 WHEREAS, Qin Shihuangdi is a crucial figure in China's history, seen as one of the greatest
15 military leaders of all time for building on his state's martial prowess and utilizing strategic
16 skills to conquer rival territories and establish the Qin Empire; and

17 WHEREAS, the objects on view at *The First Emperor* are a representation of both the
18 military and civilian worlds of Qin Shihuangdi as well as a demonstration of his desire to
19 exert the same control in his afterlife that he displayed during his rule of China; and

20 WHEREAS, other great accomplishments during the Qin Empire include the establishment
21 of a unified law code, coinage, script, and a system of weight and measures, which can be
22 seen in the High Museum's exhibition, displaying such artifacts as coin molds and weights
23 and measures inscribed with the emperor's decree for standardization; and

24 WHEREAS, the awe inspiring exhibit will remain on display in Atlanta until April 19, 2009,
25 and museum visitors and the State of Georgia have the Chinese Peoples Association for
26 Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Museum of the Terracotta Army, the Cultural Relics
27 Bureau of Shaanxi Province, and Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong to thank for the once
28 in a lifetime opportunity to witness history up close.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the High Museum of Art exhibit, *The First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army*,
31 and extend their most sincere gratitude to the Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship
32 with Foreign Countries, the Museum of the Terracotta Army, the Cultural Relics Bureau of
33 Shaanxi Province, and Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong for sharing these breathtaking
34 artifacts with the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chinese Peoples Association for
37 Friendship with Foreign Countries, the Museum of the Terracotta Army, the Cultural Relics
38 Bureau of Shaanxi Province, and Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong.